

**DECISION NUMBER**

**SP014/2026**

**IN THE MATTER**

of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER**

of an application by **Durie Hill Bowling Club Incorporated** for a special-licence pursuant to section 137 of the Act on the occasion of a special event.

**BEFORE THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner  
Mr S G Hylton



**DECISION**

**1. Introduction**

This is an application by **Durie Hill Bowling Club Incorporated** for a special licence in regard to an event to be held at the Club's premises, 14 Windsor Terrace, Whanganui. The nature of the event for which the licence is sought is a 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

The dates and hours sought are –

- **Saturday 7 March 2026      4:00pm - 10:00pm**

**2. Application**

The application included a site plan and menu.

The application was not advertised and no objection or notice of desire to be heard has been received under section 141 of the Act. Accordingly, we deal with the matter on the papers in accordance with section 202(1).

In considering the application for special licence the committee had regard to the following criteria under section 142 of the Act:

(a) *the object of this Act:*

(b) *the nature of the particular event for which the licence is sought and, in particular, –*

- (i) *whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the sale of goods other than alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which goods; and*
- (ii) *whether the applicant is engaged in, or proposes at the event to engage in, the provision of services other than those directly related to the sale of alcohol, low-alcohol refreshments, non-alcoholic refreshments, and food, and if so, which services:*

(c) *the suitability of the applicant:*

(d) *any relevant local alcohol policy:*

(e) *whether (in its opinion) the amenity and good order of the locality would be likely to be reduced, by more than a minor extent, by the effects of the issue of the licence:*

(f) *the days on which and the hours during which the applicant proposes to sell alcohol:*

(g) *the design and layout of the premises concerned:*

(h) *whether the applicant has appropriate systems, staff and training to comply with the law:*

(i) *any areas of the premises that the applicant proposes should be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas:*

(j) *any steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure that the requirements of this Act in relation to the sale and supply of alcohol to prohibited persons are observed:*

(k) *the applicant's proposals relating to—*

- (i) *the sale and supply of non-alcoholic drinks and food; and*
- (ii) *the sale and supply of low-alcohol drinks; and*
- (iii) *the provision of help with or information about alternative forms of transport from the premises:*

(l) *any matters dealt with in any report from the Police, the Medical Officer of Health, or an inspector made under [section 141](#).*

**3. Reporting Agencies**

The following reports were received under section 141 of the Act.

**Police Report** – No opposition within report dated 9 February 2026.

**Medical Officer of Health** – No opposition within report received 11 February 2026.

**Licensing Inspector Report** – Full report provided by the inspector including assessment of application against section 142 criteria. The Inspector concludes that the application is complete and will likely meet the criteria of the Act. Draft conditions are also offered by the inspector.

The full file including inspectors report noted the following pertinent points:

- The applicant is a body corporate incorporated in 1959. The application is for a family birthday event. The event is by invite only and will attract approximately 70 people each.
- The applicant has described the event as an 'invitation only' event and will include family and their children attending. It is anticipated that some Club or affiliated members will also attend however some, if not most guests, will not be affiliated to the Club. A formal dinner will be provided for the event, catered by the family and Club members
- The applicant holds a Club Licence but needs a special licence to sell to non-members for the special occasions.
- The applicant has not come to the notice of enforcement agencies previously.
- Suitability is not challenged.
- The premise and club licence has been in existence for many years, and an extra special licence should not reduce amenity and good order of the locality.
- The premise is suitable for the type of events and layout has been suitable in the past. The marked site plan was included and is the whole site as fenced, including bowling greens.
- The hours appear relevant for the events being undertaken.
- An experienced certified manager is nominated for the event including other staff. This is seen as sufficient to cover the function.
- A designation for the event is not requested or deemed necessary.
- Both the Police and MOH have no opposition to the application.

#### 4. Decision

The application for Special Licence is **Approved** for issue subject to the conditions outlined in the inspector's report.

**DATED** at Whanganui this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.



**Secretary**  
**Whanganui District Licensing Committee**

